

Taking into account the stocks at the beginning and the end of the year, the following statement shows details of the coal disposed of during the year:—

1st April, 1949—		Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Stock in bins and yard	..	58	9	0			
Add net output for year	..	37,225	0	0			
		37,283	9	0			
Less stock written off	..	39	9	0			
					37,244	0	0
31st March 1950—							
Less stock in bins and yard	..				48	0	0
					37,196	0	0

Disposals

	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Local and mine sales	1,379	15	0			
Railed	35,165	5	0			
Sales to workmen and free issues	651	0	0			
				37,196	0	0

The gross output since the colliery was taken over by the State Coal-mines to date is 479,328 tons.

Days Worked.—The colliery worked 221 days 3 hours out of a possible of 240 ordinary working-days. The difference between the ordinary days worked and the possible number of working-days is accounted for as follows: Union meetings, 3½ days; Waitewhena strike, 5½ days; dispute *re* Saturday work, 1 day; traffic dispute, ½ day; mechanical breakdown, 1¼ days; haulage alterations, 1½ days; no wagons available, 1½ days; funeral ex-employee, 1 day; respect late Hon. P. C. Webb, 1 day; polling, election day, ¾ day; smoke in mine due to bush-fires, 1 day; no outturn of miners last backshift before Christmas, ½ day—a total of 18½ days.

Employees.—In connection with coal-winning, there were employed in and about the mine an average of 126 men and 2 boys, made up as follows—Underground: Coal-hewers, 30; deputies, shiftmen, and truckers, 73. Surface: 23 men and 2 boys.

Daily Earnings.—The coal-hewers' average daily earnings were (gross) £3 13s. 3d., and after deducting stores (explosives) their net return was £3 10s. 7d., an increase of 1s 8d. per day when compared with the previous year.

Daily Output.—The average daily output was 172 tons and the average per coal-hewer was 6 tons 5 cwt., as compared with 169 tons 5 cwt. and 5 tons 19 cwt. the previous year.

NOTE.—In addition, 1,932 tons of stone was filled during the year.

Hewers' Shifts.—Hewers' shifts worked were 6,105 out of a possible total of 7,180.

Deficiencies.—No amounts were paid under the minimum-wage clause during the year.

Accidents.—There were 44 accidents reported during the year, 3 being of a serious nature.

Underground Workings.—Due to the fact that it is proposed to extract the coal by mechanized means and to hydraulically stow the goaf, no pillar-extraction was attempted during the year, and operations were confined to the extension of No. 2 and No. 3 East levels.

No. 2 East level has been driven for a distance of 4,000 ft., but is now in such troubled country that development in this direction has been stopped in the meantime.